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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 2

1. SUMMARY:

-- FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS CREEPING BACK INTO SOVIET
PRESS STILL ABSORBED IN CONGRESS COVERAGE, BUT SLOWLY,
AND ALL IN THE THIRD WORLD;

-- ROUTINE COVERAGE OF NETO-MOBUTU MEETING AND NETO
PRESS CONFERENCE STRESSES THAT MOST OF ANGOLA IS LIBERATED
AND THAT NETO WANTS TO WORK WITH NEIGHBORS. COMMENTARY
ON CHINA IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA HIGHLIGHTS ALLEGED CHINESE
ISOLATION IN AFRICA;

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA MAKES FIRST ACCUSATION OF
BRITISH INTERFERENCE IN DHOFAR FIGHTING WE HAVE SEEN
IN THE PAST YEAR;

-- NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CHARGES THAT U.S.
IS VIOLATING ARMISTICE BY BUILDING UP FORCES IN SOUTH
ARE REPLAYED IN PRAVDA;

-- CONGRESS DECLARATION ON COMMUNIST MARTYRS HAS
LANGUAGE ON INDONESIA WHICH IS UNUSUALLY HARSH BY RECENT
SOVIET STANDARDS.

2. ANGOLA. ANGOLA. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES FAVORABLE COVERAGE OF
NETO-MOBUTU MEETING AND NETO PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRAZZA-
VILLE. TASS ITEM PRINTED IN PRAVDA MARCH 2 STRESSES
THAT ANGOLA IS LIBERATED EXCEPT FOR SMALL SOUTHERN
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PORTION OCCUPIED BY SAR FORCES AND FNLA AND UNITA WORKING
WITH THEM; IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT V. LASHKUL PUTS MORE
EMPHASIS MARCH 2 ON NETO'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE
WITH NEIGHBORS.

3. ANGOLA/CHINA. WRITING IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA MARCH 2,
"TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER" YURIY KORNILOV PICKS UP ON
RECENT HSINHUA COMMENTARY ON SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN

AFRICA TO RUN THROUGH FAMILIAR SOVIET LINE THAT MOAISTS
ARE IN LEAGUE WITH WORLD REACTION, CAME A CROPPER IN
AFRICA, AND ARE FURIOUS BECAUSE THEY ARE ISOLATED THERE.

4. DHOFAR. TASS ITEM FROM LONDON IN KREANAYA ZVEZDA
MARCH 2 ALSO BREAKS THE NEWS THAT MANY BRITISH OFFICERS
AND MERCENARIES HAVE BEEN HELPING THE SULTAN FIGHT THE
PATRIOTS; POINT IS THAT BRITISH ARE INTERFERING IN OTHERS'
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPITES PIOUS STATEMENTS TO CONTRARY.
COMMENT. TO OUR RECOLLECTION, THIS IS FIRST TIME
THE PAST YEAR THE BRITISH HAVE JOINED THE SOVIET MEDIA
BAD BOYS (IRAN HAS ALREADY APPEARED) IN DHOFAR COVERAGE.
END COMMENT.

5. KOREA. PRAVDA MARCH 2 CARRIES TASS REPORT FROM
PYONGYANG ON DPRK MFA'S STATEMENT THAT U.S. IS "BRUTUALLY
VIOLATING" ARMISTICE BY BUILDING UP ITS FORCES IN SOUTH,
ESPECIALLY BY SENDING F-111'S.

6. INDONESIA. CONGRESS DECLARATION ON COMMUNIST MARTYRS
PASSED MARCH 1 (AND PRINTED IN CENTRAL PRESS MARCH 2)
HAS PASSAGE ON INDONESIA WHICH IS UNCOMMONLY HARSH IN
TERMS OF RECENT SOVIET USAGE: "THOUSANDS OF COMMUNISTS
WERE EXTERMINATED IN INDONESIA. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
POLITICAL PRISONERS LANGUISH IN PRISONS, CONCENTRATION
CAMPS AND ELSEWHERE. FREEDOM FOR THE COMMUNISTS, FOR
ALL PATRIOTS OF INDONESIA*" COMMENT. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE
TO AVOID MENTIONING THE INDONESIANS ONCE THE SOVIETS
DECIDED TO ISSUE SUCH A DECLARATION, BUT IT WILL
CERTAINLY NOT HELP BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH JAKARTA.
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